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Subject: Re: Fw: color of rodent bait stations and CR testing
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Black is reputedly worse than gray when used outdoors due to increased absorption of sunlight/heat. Some manufacturers for the pest control industry have gone to gray for that reason. Extra heat also tends to melt bait blocks. For "consumer" use, I doubt that the UV issue is a very big deal as many placements would be indoors. Most *legal* placements would be indoor. They would have to be for Tiers 2-4.

▼ Gene Benbow---11/17/2011 03:46:27 PM---Ditto -- is there any issue fragility with UV exposure that having a black colored station would pre

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Ditto -- is there any issue fragility with UV exposure that having a black colored station would prevent?

I would have never have thought of the attractiveness to children based on coloration. Hot pink bait boxes may never catch on.

Thanks,

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▼ Jennifer Gaines---11/17/2011 03:16:56 PM---Hi Bill, Thank you for forwarding for our comments. I think you brought up a good point with the

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Hi Bill,

Thank you for forwarding for our comments. I think you brought up a good point with the integrity of the station being affected. I was thinking if they chose to do a color other than black or gray, like red or blue for some reason, then that would be more attractive to children and there may be a higher chance of them picking it up and messing with it. But then again, the child test would show whether or not they can access it anyway. So in that respect, I guess the actual color wouldn't matter. I think the main issue would be what you brought up Bill.

Thanks,
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▼ Bill Jacobs---11/17/2011 03:08:51 PM---I gave Richard Ward a tentative response to his question but indicated that I would pass his note on

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I gave Richard Ward a tentative response to his question but indicated that I would pass his note on to others. I am not sure whether any of you has had this question come up before.

Please provide your comments and I will get back to Richard.

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One reason that might possibly apply would be if the coloring agent interacted with the plastic so as to weaken it or otherwise adversely affect its condition otherwise. If a different plastic were used for the new color or for a new portion of the station (e.g., a transparent "window" over the bait compartment), the new unit should be